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Lovely day.

David Schoenbrun had spoken to Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber about his being alleged to have inspired journalistic attacks on me, and the latter came to see me this morning at home. We had a long, frank talk. Regarding what the Mendèsites seem to believe to be my participation in a conspiracy against the Prime Minister by the former pro-European Prime Ministers, I told him that, since I had determined to do no lobbying, my contacts with the ex-Premiers during 18 months had been limited to the following approximate toll -- Laniel never; Robert Schuman once; Pleven, René Mayer, Pinay and Bidault a few times each, with the exception of casual talks with Bidault in Berlin on social occasions. I neglected to tell him I had never seen my old friend Queille, who is in bad health, at all. I also denied any knowledge of the Dides affair, explaining to him my only information on it was derived from the newspapers. We discussed many subjects, and I believe the interview was at least useful in correcting some misunderstandings and false estimates.

Aissa and André Visson came to see me today. They are going home Thursday, and I was relieved to find André looking so much better.

I went over with Odette Dewavrin various details concerning the loan of La Lanterne to the Dillons.

Raymond Boyer came to the house to tell me of the fix his brother, Jean-Jacques, is in as a result of the bankruptcy of a company with which he was associated. It appears he is now in jail at Fresnes. I told Raymond I would do what I properly could to help him, but would need further information from his lawyer. Dear Madame Boyer is in a very distressed state.

Fresnes reminds me of the recent controversy between Sacha Guitry and the Duc de Brissac. Brissac, as President of a Versailles Committee, took public

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exception to Guitry's departures from historical accuracy in his pretentious film on Versailles life. In reply, Guitry concluded his attempts at refutation by asking the Duke to convey his respects to the Duchess, whom he had last had the honor of seeing at Fresnes (where they both had been imprisoned and accused of collaboration with the Germans).

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